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SUMMARY: AT JULY 14 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSED PHASE III, POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF THE SHAPE AIR DEFENSE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON THE FALL NPG AGENDA, AND POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF FOLLOW-UP WORK ON COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTIONS (CNI). END SUMMARY.

1. AT JULY 14 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS OF FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO MONTEREY MINISTERIAL MEETING (REF A).

2. PHASE III. APROPOS SUGGESTION THAT NATIONAL DELEGATIONS

CIRCULATE PROPOSALS FOR SCOPE AND APPROACH TO PHASE III, FRG REP (HUBER) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD ADVISED HIM THAT FRG COULD NOT CIRCULATE A PAPER BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST. UK REP (BEAUMONT) SAID THE UK COULD PROBABLY CIRCULATE A PAPER EARLY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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AUGUST. CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) INDICATED A DISPOSITION ON PART OF HIS AUTHORITIES TO LEAVE INITIAL DRAFTING OF PHASE III TERMS OF REFERENCE TO THE IS OR STAFF GROUP. HE SAID, CONCERNING ORGANIZATION, THAT OTTAWA FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF A SMALL GROUP

TO CONDUCT PHASE III. NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTENS) EXPRESSED PERSONAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT TURNING PHASE III OVER TO A SMALL GROUP, AND SUGGESTED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE NPG SHOULD BE INVOLVED. U.S. REP (WOODWORTH) SAID THAT, WHILE IT IS USEFUL TO BEGIN TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS ON ORGANIZATION, THERE WAS NO NEED TO PRESS FOR DECISIONS ON WHO DOES THE WORK UNTIL NPG MEMBERS HAD A CLEARER VIEW OF THE SCOPE OF PHASE III. HE SAID THAT WHEN THE NPG HAS RECEIVED NATIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR "TERMS OF REFERENCE" FOR PHASE III, IT WILL BE EASIER TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO CARRY THEM OUT. COMMENT. WITH EXCEPTION OF UK AND POSSIBLY FRG, WHO MAY OFFER SEPARATE PAPERS, MOST NPG MEMBERS WILL PROBABLY HOLD BACK TO SEE WHAT THE U.S. PROPOSES FOR PHASE III, AND THEN COMMENT ON THAT. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IF THIS OCCURS. END COMMENT.

3. ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES. CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) SAID THAT IF NPG MEMBERS WISHED TO HAVE THE SHAPE AIR DEFENSE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY (NPG/STUDY/44) ON THE FALL MINISTERIAL AGENDA, SYG LUNS SHOULD PROCEED TO TASK CMC TO HAVE SACEUR UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS AND UPDATING. SG MEMBERS AGREED TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF CAPITALS BY JULY 28. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PRIOR TO JULY 28 ON INCLUSION OF THE SHAPE AIR DEFENSE STUDY ON THE FALL NPG AGENDA.

4. CI. SG CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF UK SUGGESTION AT PREVIOUS MEETING (REF A, PARA 7) OF CONDUCTING FURTHER WORK ON CNI WITHIN THE STAFF GROUP. UK, DANISH AND FRG REPS AGREED TO JOIN IN A SUB-GROUP TO DO INITIAL DRAFTING. THEY SOUGHT PARTICIPATION BY U.S. REP. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT FOLLOW-UP WORK ON CNI DERIVED FROM THE PERMPRES REPORT (NPG/D(74)10), I.E., EXAMINATION OF PROCEDURES FOR CNI AND USE OF WARNING MESSAGES, WARRANTS ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL STUDY GROUP OF NPG MEMBERS. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST EFFICIENT FOR THE STAFF GROUP TO UNDERTAKE THE TASK. WE BELIEVE IT COULD BE HANDLED SUCCINCTLY, PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF A PERMPRES REPORT THAT WRAPS UP THE LOOSE ENDS OF THE CNI STUDY EFFORT. WE BELIEVE THE U.S. REP WOULD NEED TO BE FULLY INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY IN ANY SG SUB-GROUP DRAFTING EFFORT, CONFIDENTIAL

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